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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT NEW ZEALAND AT COST
PERHAPS OF MISSING VIETNAMESE PM

REF: (A) JAKARTA 2852 (NOTAL), (B) JAKARTA 10677 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY AND FOREIGN DEPARTMENT SOURCES HERE, INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA WILL DEPART JAKARTA SEPTEMBER 16 FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND UNTIL APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER 20. THIS VISIT IS REPORTEDLY AT MOCHTAR'S OWN REQUEST, FOR HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN A LAW OF THE SEA RELATED ISSUE WHEREBY NEW ZEALAND HAS BEGUN ISSUING LICENSES (OR IS ABOUT TO BEGIN) FOR FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS IN THE 200 MILE ZONE.

2. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND FOR PROTOCOL TELLS US IT IS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER MOCHTAR WILL RETURN TO JAKARTA FROM NEW ZEALAND FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEPTEMBER 20-23 VISIT OF VIETNAMESE PRIME MINISTER PHAM VAN DONG OR WHETHER HE WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY FROM NEW ZEALAND TO THE UNGA WHERE HE IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE SEPTEMBER 23.
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3. COMMENT: IN TERMS OF MOCHTAR'S OWN STANDING IN THE POWER STRUCTURE SINCE HE MOVED UP FROM ACTING TO FULL FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE APRIL 1978 CABINET CHANGES, WE FIND IT CURIOUS THAT HE WOULD CHOOSE TO GO AHEAD WITH HIS NEW ZEALAND TRIP IN SPITE OF THE VIETNAMESE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER 1) MOCHTAR

IS INSISTING ON GOING AHEAD WITH THIS SELF-GENERATED
VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND (PERHAPS BECAUSE, AS REPORTED REFTTEL,
HE LINKS TALKS WITH VIETNAM TO STILL TO BE OBTAINED
PROGRESS ON A GOI-SRV SEA BOUNDARY AGREEMENT) OR 2)
HIS MILITARY SUPERIORS WISH THEMSELVES TO HANDLE THE
PHAM VAN DONG VISIT. IN MOCHTAR'S ABSENCE, FOREIGN
AFFAIRS ARE HANDLED BY MINISTER OF STATE AND COORDINATING
MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS, GENERAL M.
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